

APPLES

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The first production forecast for the 2000 crop year is 10.7 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 1999 but 8 percent below 1998, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Increased production in most of the Western States more than offset projected decreases in the Central and Eastern States when compared to last year. Production increases are expected in 11 of the top 34 producing States. Production in the Central States (AR, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, OH, TN, WI) is forecast at 1.17 billion pounds, down 28 percent from 1999. Production has been hampered by frost damage, poor pollination, hail, and fire blight. Cool, wet conditions have improved fruit size. All of the Central States expect decreases except Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa and Kentucky.

Apples, Commercial: Total Production by State and United States, 1998-99 and Forecasted August 1, 2000

State	Total Production ¹		
	1998	1999	2000
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>
AZ	46.0	34.3	82.0
AR	4.5	5.4	7.2
CA	860.0	825.0	730.0
CO	65.0	8.0	38.0
CT	17.5	23.0	22.0
GA	11.0	12.0	13.0
ID	155.0	70.0	190.0
IL	45.0	58.5	72.0
IN	54.0	60.3	45.0
IA	8.7	11.0	12.0
KS	1.6	7.2	7.0
KY	11.0	9.0	9.0
ME	44.5	72.0	35.0
MD	34.6	38.0	38.0
MA	32.0	65.0	50.0
MI	1,000.0	1,210.0	800.0
MN	23.8	24.9	22.0
MO	34.0	49.0	34.0
NH	19.0	43.5	34.0
NJ	55.0	50.0	55.0
NM ²	8.0	2.0	
NY	1,070.0	1,260.0	1,050.0
NC	185.0	190.0	190.0
OH	80.0	100.0	90.0
OR	180.0	150.0	175.0
PA	395.0	505.0	480.0
RI	2.6	3.6	2.8
SC	45.0	32.0	23.1
TN	12.5	9.5	9.0
UT	45.0	9.0	45.0
VT	35.0	60.0	50.0
VA	280.0	360.0	310.0
WA	6,600.0	5,000.0	5,800.0
WV	110.0	145.0	90.0
WI	76.1	77.4	67.0
US	11,646.4	10,579.6	10,677.1

¹ In orchards of 100 or more bearing age trees.² End of season estimate only.